

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Average  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Unsatisfactory

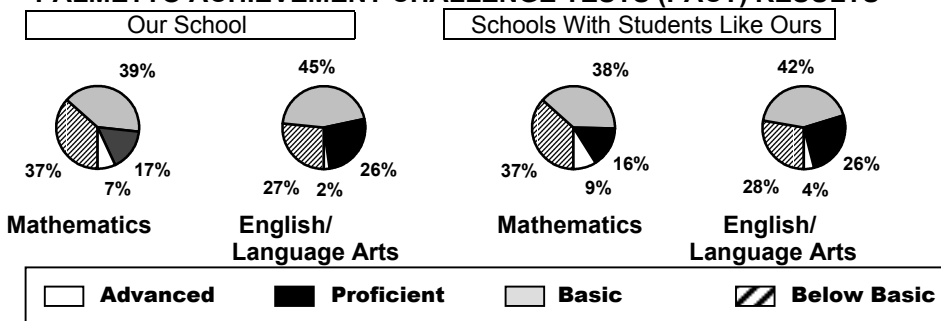
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 53. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

#### PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



#### DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

#### PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=569)</b>	73.3%	63.3%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=79)	34.2%	23.8%		
Students without disabilities (n=487)	80.1%	70%		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=259)	71%	60.4%		
Female (n=304)	76.6%	66.8%		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=133)	60.9%	41.8%		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=427)	78%	70.7%		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=212)	61.3%	47.4%		
Pay for lunch (n=352)	81%	73.6%		

#### SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,114	N/A	\$5,109	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	87%	Down from 87.7%	90%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	N/A	21.2 to 1	21.4 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=602)</b>				
• Attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 95.6%	95.7%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	5.1%	N/A	3.1%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3.7%	N/A	3.2%	4.0%
• Retention rate	5.6%	Up from 1.9%	3.7%	4.5%
<b>TEACHERS (n=42)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	12.6 Days	Up from 12.2	7.7 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	94.3%	Down from 95.8%	95.5%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	42.9%	Down from 45%	47.3%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 82.9%	82.7%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	14.3%	Up from 0%	2.1%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.4%	Up from 82.2%	86.4%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,129	Up 2.9%	\$37,895	\$37,455

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	62.1%	N/A	61.6%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	4	N/A	3	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	87.8%	N/A	82.2%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	39.9%	45.8%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	3.8%	Up from 2.8%	3.8%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	8	N/A	19	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	10.2%	N/A	16.5%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	17.4%	Up from 4.3%	15.4%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	14.8%	Up from 4.6%	14.2%	13.6%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Riverside Middle School enjoyed a good year in 2000-2001. Some of our most noteworthy accomplishments are:

- \* Our students showed improvement in both Math and Language Arts at each grade level on the PACT;
- \* Our PACT scores were above the state average in every area except one;
- \* We were the recipient of a Community-In-Schools Grant that provides an after-school and summer program for our students;
- \* We received Flagship Schools of Promise status;
- \* Three teams of students attended the first "Lego League" competition, winning the Director's Award Runner-up and the Mentorship Award;
- \* Many of our student organizations provided worthwhile, meaningful service projects for the community;
- \* RMS received an Order of Merit recognition from the SCAMLP/SCMSA for our efforts in "Interdisciplinary Teaming";
- \* The National Wildlife Federation recognized RMS campus as a "Schoolyard Habitat"; and
- \* RMS participated in "Meet in the Middle," a volunteer program sponsored by the University of South Carolina in recognition of the USC Bicentennial Celebration.

Our teachers continued to implement the Four Block Literacy approach to language arts instruction, and our emphasis for the year in staff development was DATA, Discipline a Total Approach. Mrs. Patty Droseiko was selected as the school's Teacher of the Year and will compete for the district Teacher of the Year. Carla Keasler was selected as Earth Science Teacher of the Year for South Carolina, and Yoluna Williams received the Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year award for the Foothills Chapter of SCIRA.

Our PTO, School Improvement Council, Business Partners, and a dedicated faculty and staff continue to work together to provide programs which further the achievement of all students at Riverside Middle School.

Louie Rowland  
Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	72.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	76.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	80.6	76.5	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Riverside Middle  
458 Riverside Street  
Pendleton, SC 29670

Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 602 Students

### Principal

Mr. Louie Rowland 864-646-8020

### Superintendent

O. Wray Smith 864-646-8000

### Board Chair

E. Lee McPherson 864-261-6102



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Below Average



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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